

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 19 to 26, the only claims pending and currently under examination in this application.

The Examiner has first rejected Claims 1-5 over U.S. Patent No. 6,379,345; and Claims 17-18 over U.S. Patent No. 6,387,071 and Claim 16 over U.S. Patent No. 6,622,732, each under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting. In view of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer over each of these patents, this rejection may be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3 and 16-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wright. Wright fails to teach administration of an acidic solution having a pH ranging from 0 to 1.0, as now required in the above-amended claims. Accordingly, this rejection may be withdrawn.

Next, Claims 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being obvious over Wright in view of Brisken. As pointed out above, Wright is deficient in failing to teach use of a fluid having a pH ranging from 0 to 1.0. As Brisken has been cited solely for the element of applying an additional energy source, Brisken fails to make up this fundamental deficiency in Wright. Accordingly, Claims 4 and 5 are not obvious over Wright in view of Brisken and this rejection may be withdrawn.

Finally, Claim 18 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being obvious over Wright. As pointed out above, Wright is deficient in failing to teach use of a fluid having a pH ranging from 0 to 1.0. Accordingly, this rejection may be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issuance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number CORA-001CIP2CON2.

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- Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,379,345; 6,387, 071 and 6622,732

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